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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Patent Application of:  
Yukako Nii

Application No.: 09/499,401

Art Unit: 2174

Filed: February 7, 2000

Examiner: T. T. Vu

For: INFORMATION PROCESSING  
APPARATUS AND METHOD WITH  
GRAPHICAL USER INTERFACE  
ALLOWING PROCESSING CONDITION TO  
BE SET BY DRAG AND DROP, AND  
MEDIUM ON WHICH PROCESSING  
PROGRAM THEREOF IS RECORDED

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**REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION IN  
RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

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Dear Sir:

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

In response to the Office Action dated May 24, 2004 (Paper No. 24), the period for responding thereto having been extended to the present by payment of the petition fee, please reconsider the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 2 of this paper.